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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The Office mailed a Notice of Allowance ("Notice") to Applicants on December 20, 2006. The Notice included copies of two Forms PTO/SB/08A filed by Applicants under cover of their Information Disclosure Statements dated April 19, 2004 and June 30, 2005. Most of the documents listed on the Forms PTO/SB/08A were initialed by the Examiner to indicate that they were considered.

However, two PCT-related documents identified on Forms PTO/SB/08A were crossed-out by the Examiner with a notation that "no copy submitted in case", thereby indicating the Examiner did not consider these two documents. In addition, a third document, EP 654,341, was labeled as "abstract" to suggest that the Examiner only considered an abstract of this document.

Applicants contacted the Examiner for clarification of this situation. On January 16, 2007, the Examiner informed Applicants that the crossed-out documents were not present in the

application file, and that only an abstract of EP 654,341 was in the file and not the entire document. The Examiner alleged that Applicants did not file these documents and therefore they were missing from the application file and not considered.

However, at least with regard to the Information Disclosure Statement dated June 30, 2005, Applicants have their return postcard stamped by the PTO evidencing that the PTO did in fact receive the Information Disclosure Statement and the two items (the PCT-related documents for PCT/US2005/07505 and EP 654,341) cited therein. Applicants are providing a copy of the stamped postcard with this paper. Accordingly, it appears that this Information Disclosure Statement and its enclosures became detached and that the enclosures did not make their way into the application file.

The Examiner informed Applicants that he would review the documents which were crossed-out from Forms PTO/SB/08A if Applicants resubmitted them. In order to complete the application record, Applicants are proceeding in accordance with the Examiner's comments.

At the request of the Examiner, Applicants are also providing a copy of the examined claims for each of the cited PCT applications.

Applicants request that the Examiner consider the documents cited in this Information Disclosure Statement and return an initialed copy of the attached Form PTO/SB/08A to Applicants indicating such consideration.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be due in connection with this paper to Deposit Account 23-1703.

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